

# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR



**SATURDAY EVE:** 5:00 p.m. (English)  
**SUNDAY MASSES:** 9:00 a.m. (English)  
11:00 a.m. (Polish)

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**  
**Vigil Mass:** 7:00 p.m. (English)  
**Holy Day:** 9:00 a.m. (English)  
7:00 p.m. (Polish)

**WEEKDAY MASSES - 8:30 a.m. (English)**

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Saturday: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.; 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**DEVOTIONS:**  
**HOLY ROSARY:** Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** Mon. - Sat., 9:00 a.m.  
**NOVENAS (To Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, St. Joseph and St. Jude Thaddeus) WITH BENEDICTION:**  
Tuesday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**BAPTISMS:** Every third Sunday of the month at 12:00. Parents are expected to attend Pre-Baptismal Classes. Arrangements to be made at the Parish Office. **Only practicing Catholics may act as Godparents.**

**MARRIAGES:** Specific time is set for the celebration of marriage on Saturdays. The common Policy for all the Dioceses of New Jersey requires a period of preparation for the sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the parish priest and attendance at either the Pre-Cana conferences or the Engaged Encounter Weekend. Therefore, arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance and before any social plans are finalized.

**FIRST PENANCE, FIRST EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION:** Though immediate preparation is given to children before receiving these sacraments, it is expected that children receive a Christian education within their family life, through formal religious education classes, and by attending Sunday worship services.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Arrangements for Communion Calls to the sick at home may be made by calling the Parish Office.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed or if you are leaving the parish..



Parish Office  
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Rectory  
732-384-5925



# Believe in the Good News

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30AM For our Parishioners

5:00PM +Jadwiga Roszkowski  
r/o Wieslawa Roszkowski

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members  
of the Holy Name Society

11:00AM For all members of the Jurczak  
Family r/o Maria & Jan

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30AM For the Unborn  
r/o Altar Rosary Society

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30AM +Maria Krawiec  
r/o Regina Grodzki

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30AM For our Parishioners

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30AM +Doroteo Pandaraoan  
r/o Daughter Juvy

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30AM Lewandowski Family  
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30AM +Maria Pandaraoan  
r/o Daughter Juvy

5:00PM +Barbara Lanner r/o Dawn Lanner

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00AM +Jacqueline Vesce r/o Mom & Dad

11:00AM +Jozef Tomasz  
r/o Beata & George Gnap

## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

Jesus proclaimed, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

### Reflection

Someone has suggested that if Jesus were to send his twelve disciples for psychological testing today he might receive this reply: "Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have taken our complete battery of tests. In addition, we arranged personality interviews for each of your candidates with our psychologists and vocational aptitude consultants. It is the opinion of our staff that most of your nominees are lacking in the background, education, and skills necessary for the success of your enterprise. None of them shows an understanding of the team concept. Simon Peter is impulsive and would benefit from anger-management counseling. Andrew has no measurable leadership qualities. The two brothers, James & John, place personal ambition above company loyalty. Thomas shows a skeptical attitude that would tend to undermine morale. In his previous business, Matthew was blacklisted by the Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical political leanings, and appear to have unstable temperaments. One of the candidates, however, shows real potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, possesses excellent social skills, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your comptroller and right-hand man." Today Jesus calls us. Like Peter, we lack faith. Like Andrew, we have much to learn. Like James and John, we are selfish. Like Matthew, we have a past. Like Thomas, we sometimes doubt. If Jesus could use them, he can certainly use us. With God's help, we too can grow from strength to strength and accomplish great things for God and his Kingdom. The call to follow Jesus is urgent. Answer now.

**PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Dorothy Spioch

**HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D’Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Barbara Mendel, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Frank Stock, Madeline Wojciechowski, Marcella Spioch, Walt Urbielewicz, Donna Gardner

**HOSPITALIZED:** Carmela Hismeh

**NOTE:** Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home/assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

**Weekly Offerings**  
**January 14, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 440.00	11:00 am - \$ 761.00
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9:00 am - \$ 1,644.00	Mail - \$ 930.00
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**Total 3,775.00**

**Together In Charity Total 533.00**

**Next weekend January 27-28, our Second Collection is for the Foundation for Catholic Education**

The entire proceeds benefit financial aid to students attending diocesan and parochial elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Metuchen.



**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

**Stewardship Scripture Reflections**

*“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17*

Jesus’ call to “follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

**Lector Schedule January 20-21, 2024**

<b>5:00pm Lector</b>	<b>Stephanie DePass</b>
<b>9:00 am Lector</b>	<b>Martha Ptaszynski</b>
<b>11:00 am Lector</b>	<b>Bozena Owsieniuk</b>

**Pope’s Universal Intention**

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards**



Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass on Sunday, **January 21, 2024 at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.**

**All are welcome!**

**The Mass Book for 2024 is open!**

Please note that you are allowed one (1) weekend Mass and four (4) weekday Masses ordered by the same person for different intention/person.

**\*\* Not (5) Masses for the same person/intention. \*\***

**Please remember that we have (1) daily Mass and 3 Masses on the weekends (1-Vigil 5:00pm and 2-Sunday Masses (9:00am and 11:00am))**

**Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar  
January 25, 2024**

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact [cdiverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdiverso@diometuchen.org)

## Online Bereavement and Mental Health Facilitator Trainings (Archdiocese of Newark)

**Bereavement Facilitator Training Course:**  
<https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition>

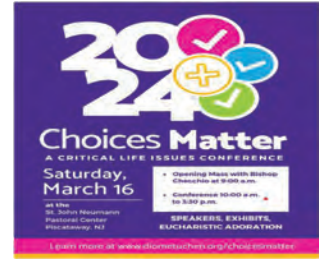
Wednesday evenings via Zoom from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM January 24 – March 6, 2024.

**Mental Health Facilitator Training Course:**  
[Mental Health Ministry Training \(regfox.com\)](https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/mental-health-ministry-training)  
 Monday evenings via Zoom from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM January 22 – March 18, 2024.  
 For more information contact John Kalinowski at 973-497-4327 or [bereavement@rcan.org](mailto:bereavement@rcan.org).

## Save-the-Date

### Choices Matter - Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2024  
 9 am to 3:30 pm  
 St. John Neumann Conference Center  
 Piscataway, NJ



## Adult Enrichment

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering a 12-week Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Theology of the Eucharist" on twelve consecutive Thursdays starting January 4 through March 21, 2024 from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM. The course will be offered at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Admission is \$15 for all twelve classes. Please register at [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.



**Catechist Formation Day**  
**February 3rd, 2024 (Saturday)**  
**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
**St. John Neumann Pastoral Center**

"Catechesis on the Eucharist: Teaching children and adolescents about the Source and Summit of the Faith"

Join fellow catechists as we explore best practices on how to teach children about the Eucharist. Sr. Lorraine Doirin and Father James De Fillipps will speak on this topic from their years of personal experience and passion for leading others to Christ.

**Register on our website:**  
<https://diometuchen.org/discipleship-formation-for-children>

### PCLs - Save the Date!

**February 29, 2024**  
 For PCLs - Our Sunday Visitor featuring Dr. Joseph White

**April 18, 2024**  
 For PCLs, Augustine Institute – Word of Life presentation

**May 16, 2024** - for PCLs, RCL/Benziger

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2023 Church Contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

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**“Come, follow me...”**

- Mark 1:17



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.*



## DOES IT WORK?

Survey by the University of Missouri

- 97%** of families surveyed take at least one bulletin home each week.
- 74%** of all family members surveyed read every bulletin.
- 70%** of all family members surveyed consciously look at the ad page of the bulletin.
- 68%** of the families surveyed are more inclined to patronize a business that does advertise in the bulletin rather than a non-advertiser.
- 62%** of the families surveyed keep the bulletin in their home for one week.
- 41%** of all family members surveyed patronize a business specifically because it advertises in the bulletin.
- 22%** of the families surveyed go out to lunch, brunch or dinner after church each week.



**Life.**  
*What a beautiful choice.*

## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)



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